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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46
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A RESOLUTION to designate November 10, 2001 as "Purple Heart Recipient Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our country was founded by courageous persons who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom, and the people of this state are especially proud to have so many fellow Tennesseans who have bravely served above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, members of our fighting forces who have been injured on the field of battle receive the Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit for their courage and valiant performance; and

WHEREAS, commonly known as "The Purple Heart," it is the oldest military decoration in the world that is presently in use and the first award made available to the enlisted soldier, without regard to rank; and

WHEREAS, created by General George Washington, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who have been wounded by an instrument of

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war in the hands of the enemy, and posthumously to the next-of-kin in the name of those who have been killed in action or who have died of wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, these courageous soldiers have performed their duties with the utmost pride and dedication, and it is important that they should be appropriately recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate November 10, 2001 as "Purple Heart Recipient Day" in Tennessee, to honor those Tennesseans, both living and deceased, who served in the Armed Forces, and who made heroic sacrifices to ensure our freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.